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amount of the employee's deductions plus interest for prior years, times the rate of interest set under §841.603 for that year times the fraction whose numerator is the number of full months that have been completed in the year of the computation and whose denominator is 12; or

- (ii) If it is the same calendar year that the deductions were withheld, the amount of the employee's deductions for that year times the rate of interest set under §841.603 for that year times the fraction—
- (A) Whose numerator equals the sum of— $\,$
- (1) One half times the number of months (fractional months rounded up) of that year during which the employee was employed;
- (2) One for each full month of that year after the employee's service terminated; and
 - (B) Whose denominator is 12.
- (c)(1) For adding interest to the unexpended balance after retirement, the unexpended balance including interest computed under paragraph (b) of this section is computed as of the time of retirement.
- (2) Each month after retirement, the unexpended balance is reduced by the amount of annuity paid and interest is added to the remaining portion at the rate computed as follows:
- (i) Add one to the interest rate under \$841.603 for the current year.
- (ii) Raise the sum produced under paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section to the $\frac{1}{12}$ power.
- (iii) Subtract one from the result of paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section to produce the interest rate for the month.
- (d)(1) Interest on payments of the unexpended balance will be paid for the month unless the payment has been authorized before the 5th workday before the end of the month (excluding the 31st day of 31-day months).
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (d)(1) of this section, payment is authorized when the person with authority to approve the claim approves payment.

§841.606 Interest on survivor reduction deposits.

Interest on deposits under subpart F of part 842 of this chapter is compounded annually and accrued monthly.

- (a) The initial interest on each monthly difference between the reduced annuity rate and the annuity rate actually paid equals the amount of the monthly difference times the difference between—
- (1) One and six tenths raised to the power whose numerator is the number of months between the date when the monthly difference in annuity rates occurred and the date when the initial interest is computed and whose denominator is 12; and
 - (2) One.
- (b) The total initial interest due is the sum of all of the initial interest on each monthly difference computed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.
- (c) Additional interest on any uncollected balance will be compounded annually and accrued monthly. The additional interest due each month equals the remaining balance due times the difference between—
- (1) One and six tenths raised to the $\frac{1}{12}$ power; and
 - (2) One.

§ 841.607 Interest on overpayment debts.

Interest on overpayment debts is computed under §845.205(b).

Subpart G—Cost-of-Living Adjustments

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§841.701 Purpose and scope.

- (a) The purpose of this subpart is to regulate computation of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA's) for basic benefits under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).
- (b) This subpart provides the methodology for—
- (1) Computing COLA's on each type of FERS basic benefit subject to COLA's; and